

Press Note

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A) Drugs Control Administration, Telangana raided a quack's clinic and seized drugs stocked for sale at Naspur Village, Mancherial District.

B) In separate events, Drugs Control Administration, Telangana seized Ferrered-XT Tablets (Ferrous Ascorbate, Folic Acid & Zinc Tablets) in Armoor, Nizamabad District and Feroze-XT Tablets (Ferrous Ascorbate, Folic Acid & Zinc Tablets) in Chengicherla Village, Medipally Mandal, which were falsely manufactured and sold under the guise of 'food products/nutraceuticals'.

C) In separate events, Drugs Control Administration, Telangana seized certain medicines due to misleading advertisements:

- a) **Daplimet 10 Tablets (Dapagliflozin Tablets), an Allopathic Medicine, claimed to treat 'Diabetes'.**
- b) **Nuskha-E-Arabia, a Unani medicine, claimed to treat 'Heart diseases, Obesity, Blood Pressure'.**
- c) **STONEGO-DS Syrup, an Ayurvedic medicine, claimed to treat 'Kidney Stones'.**
- d) **Urisafe Herbal Syrup, an Ayurvedic medicine, claimed to treat 'Kidney Stones'.**

A) Seizure carried out at a quack's clinic in Naspur Village, Mancherial District

The details are as follows:

On credible information, Drugs Control Administration officials, on 20th November, 2024 raided the premises of a quack Sudhakar Boddula, at Door

No. 5-27/2/1, Naspur Village, Mancherial District, who was practicing medicine without proper qualification at his clinic.

During the raid, DCA officials detected 76 varieties of medicines, including antibiotics, analgesics etc., found stocked at the premises without a drug licence. DCA officials seized the stock, worth a total of Rs. 35,000/- during the raid.

DCA officials detected several **'antibiotics'** viz. Cefixime, Cephalexin, Amoxicillin and Potassium Clavulanate at the clinic during the raids. Indiscriminate sale of antibiotics, by unqualified persons may have disastrous consequences on the health of public, including emergence of **'Antimicrobial Resistance'**.

Smt. T. Chandana, Drugs Inspector, Mancherial, Sri P. Shraavan Kumar, Drugs Inspector, Peddapalli, Smt. Aswani, Drugs Inspector, Asifabad carried out the raid.

DCA officers lifted the samples for analysis. Further investigation will be carried out, and action will be taken as per the law against all the offenders.

Wholesalers/Dealers who supply medicines to such unqualified persons, who are stocking and selling drugs without a drug license, are also punishable under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, and stringent action shall be taken against such Wholesalers/Dealers. Wholesalers/Dealers shall mandatorily ensure that the recipient entities hold a valid drug license before supplying medicines to them.

Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, issues drug licenses for the stocking and selling of medicines in accordance with the provisions of the

Drugs and Cosmetics Act. **Stocking drugs for sale without a drug license is punishable under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, with imprisonment for up to five years.**

B) Seizure of drugs falsely manufactured and sold under the guise of 'food products/nutraceuticals'

The details are as follows:

During the raids carried out on 20th November, DCA officials detected drugs falsely manufactured and sold under the guise of 'food products/nutraceuticals'.

Drugs Control Administration officials in Armoor, Nizamabad District have detected the product **Ferrored-XT Tablets (Ferrous Ascorbate, Folic Acid & Zinc Tablets)** circulating in the market. The product was found to be **manufactured at** Macsol Lifescience, Plot No. 2B, Block No. 815, At. Santej, Ta. Kalol, Dist. Gandhinagar, Gujarat, **Marketed by:** American Pharma Remedies LLP, Mumbai, Maharashtra.

Drugs Control Administration officials in Chengicherla Village, Medipally Mandal have detected the product **Feroze-XT Tablets (Ferrous Ascorbate, Folic Acid & Zinc Tablets)** circulating in the market. The product was found to be **manufactured at** Ridge Formulations Pvt. Ltd., Solan, Himachal Pradesh and **Marketed by:** ZeRemedies Hyderabad.

The said products were falsely manufactured under a 'food license (FSSAI license)' and falsely claimed to be food products/nutraceuticals.

According to the label composition of the products, they are classified as drugs under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940.

The products must be manufactured only under a 'drug licence' issued under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, adhering strictly to the 'Good Manufacturing Practices' (GMP) outlined in Schedule-M of the Drugs Rules. Additionally, they must meet the quality standards prescribed in the 'Indian Pharmacopoeia' (IP) as mandated.

Photographs of the products falsely manufactured and sold under the guise of 'food products/nutraceuticals'



Smt. Anjum Abida, Assistant Director, Shameerpet, Sri. P. Ambedkar, Drugs Inspector, Medipally, Smt. G. Indira Priyadarshini, Drugs Inspector, Habsiguda, and Smt. R. Srilatha, Drugs Inspector, Nizamabad Rural are among the officers who carried out the raid.

The drugs that are falsely manufactured and sold under a food license are not produced in accordance with 'Good Manufacturing Practices' (GMPs) and often fail to meet the quality standards prescribed in the Indian

Pharmacopoeia (IP). Such products pose serious risks to patients' health and may have severe implications.

Manufacturing and selling 'drugs' without a valid 'drug license' is punishable under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, with imprisonment for up to five years.

C) Seizure of drugs for misleading advertisements:

The details are as follows:

Drugs Control Administration, Telangana officials, detected certain medicines circulating in the market with misleading claims on their labels, stating that they treat **'Diabetes, Heart diseases, Obesity, Blood Pressure, Kidney Stones'**. Such claims are in contravention of the **Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954**.

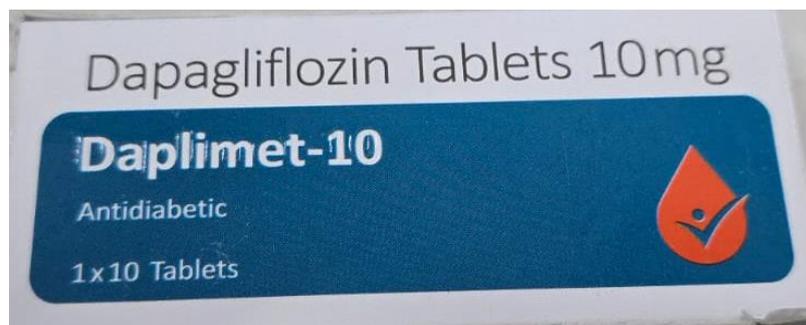
Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954, prohibits advertisement of certain drugs for treatment of certain diseases and disorders. No person shall take part in publication of advertisement regarding the diseases/disorders indicated under Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954.

During the raids conducted on 20th November to detect medicines moving in the market with misleading and objectionable advertisements, the following products were detected by DCA officials:

Product	Misleading Claim	Manufactured by	Detected at
Daplimet 10 Tablets	Diabetes	Astonea Labs Ltd.	Attapur, Ranga

(Dapagliflozin Tablets) (Allopathic Medicine)		Panchakula, Haryana	Reddy District.
Nuskha-E-Arabia (Unani Medicine)	Heart diseases, Obesity, Blood Pressure	MJ Herbo Products, P.No.155, MD hills, Bandlaguda	Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad
STONEGO-DS Syrup (Ayurvedic Medicine)	Kidney Stones	Biolife Technologies, Kundli, Haryana	Shadnagar, Rangareddy District
Urisafe Herbal Syrup (Ayurvedic Medicine)	Kidney Stones	A. Industries, Kanakpura Industrial Area, Sirsi Road, Jaipur – 302012 Rajasthan	Puppalguda, Ranga Reddy District

Photographs of the products seized for making misleading advertisements



Advertising a medicine for the treatment of '**Diabetes, Heart diseases, Obesity, Blood Pressure, Kidney Stones**' is prohibited under the Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954.

Sri. G. Ravikiran, Drugs Inspector, Rajendranagar, Smt. Ch. Swapna, Drugs Inspector, Jubilee Hills, Sri. K. Anvesh, Drugs Inspector, Shabad and Smt. D. Swetha Bindu, Drugs Inspector, Gandipet are among the officers who carried out the raids.

Further investigation shall be carried out and action shall be taken as per the law against all the offenders.

Persons who make misleading advertisements regarding drugs for treatment of certain diseases and disorders are punishable under Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954.

The public may report any suspected manufacturing activity related to drugs, including narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, in residential, commercial, or industrial areas, as well as any other complaints regarding illegal activities concerning medicines, through the **Drugs Control Administration, Telangana Toll-Free Number 1800-599-6969**, which is operational from 10:30 am to 5:00 pm on all working days.

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